

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ENRG, TH

SUBJ: PETROLEUM EXPLORATION

REF: BANGKOK A-119

1. BANGKOK NEWSPAPERS TODAY CARRIED REPORTS OF "MAJOR NEW OIL STRIKE" BY UNION OIL CO. IN GULF OF SIAM, BASED ON ANNOUNCEMENT JULY 7 BY INDUSTRY MINISTER SURIN THEPKANCHANA. UNION PLANS TO ISSUE PRESS RELEASE POINTING OUT THAT DISCOVERY, WHICH IS BY FAR LARGEST YET IN THAI WATERS, IS HIGHLY ENCOURAGING, BUT THAT MUCH EXPLORATORY WORK REMAINS TO BE DONE BEFORE IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO DETERMINE WHETHER OIL EXISTS IN COMMERCIAL QUANTITIES IN GULF.

2. NEW WELL, IN BLOCK 12, 95 MILES OFF SONGKHLA IS FOURTH

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DISCOVERY OF OIL, GAS, AND GAS CONDENSATE IN TOTAL OF SIX

WELLS DRILLED BY UNION IN BLOCKS 12-13 IN PERIOD 1973-75.  
WELL TESTS AT RATES OF 4,153 BARRELS OF CONDENSATE AND 60  
MILLION CUBIC FEET OF GAS PER DAY, MORE THAN DOUBLE PREVIOUS  
HIGHS IN WELLS BROUGHT IN BY UNION (LAST OCTOBER) AND  
TENNECO.

3. UNION, WHICH HAS CONSORTIUM OF JAPANESE FIRMS AS 20 PCT  
PARTNER IN BLOCKS 12-13, IS CURRENTLY PUTTING DOWN  
DELINEATION WELL IN BLOCK 13, AND WILL DRILL AT LEAST ONE  
ADDITIONAL WELL BEFORE SURRENDERING RIG TO NEW LESSEE  
IN SEPTEMBER. SUN OIL CO. WHICH HAS ACQUIRED PART OF  
TENNECO RIGHTS IN BLOCKS 14-15, PLANS TO BEGIN THREE-WELL  
PROGRAM THERE LATER THIS MONTH.  
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